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Via CM/ECF

Honorable Renée Marie Bumb
United States District Judge
Mitchell H. Cohen Building & U.S. Courthouse
4th & Cooper Streets
Camden, NJ 08101

Re: *United States v. Rubbin Sarpong*, Crim. No. 21-865 (RMB)

Dear Judge Bumb:

By this letter, I am seeking the Court's permission to allow the victims to appear via Zoom at Mr. Sarpong's sentencing, currently scheduled for May 3, 2022.

The Government has received requests from several victims of Mr. Sarpong's romance fraud scheme to be able to attend and speak sentencing via video, rather than in person. The victims have cited health concerns given the COVID-19 pandemic and also the difficulty and expense of traveling to New Jersey. The Government is aware that a similar request was accommodated by Judge Kugler in *United States v. David Weinstein*, Crim. No. 21-485 (RBK), during a sentencing on December 2, 2021, with great success, in that it allowed numerous victims from across the United States to view and participate in the sentencing hearing.

Please let me know if the Court requires any additional information. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,

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